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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application Of:
Shun Hang Luk et al.

Serial No: 09/900,720

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Title: NETWORK STORAGE DEVICE
HAVING SOLID-STATE NON-VOLATILE
MEMORY

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Examiner: Christopher B. Shin

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is a written response to the Office Action dated April 29, 2004 in the above-identified application.

The First 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection

Claims 1-3, 7-11, 14,16, 20, 22-23, 26-27, and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Hoese et al. (U.S. Pat. No.: 5,941,972), in view of Tuma et al. (U.S. Pat. No.: 6,035,384). This rejection is respectfully traversed.